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REPORT

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1. The units from the Spremberg (O 52/A 54) military post had not returned on 12 September 1950. Drivers were trained on trucks

 in the streets of the town. \*

2. The tank unit from Luebben (N 52/A 29) was still absent from the post on 21 September 1950. The large, damaged barracks building had been razed and a storage building, two-thirds of which was underground, was being constructed on the same site. The construction work was almost completed on 21 September 1950.
3. Some elements of the artillery unit from Luebben had returned to the post by 21 September 1950. Troops were again seen in the cantonment buildings at the freight station. Twelve to fifteen soldiers repaired trucks there. Motor vehicles  were observed in the streets of Luebben. \* 50X1-HUM
4. In mid-September 1950 an advance party arrived in the Infanterie Kaserne on Klosterstrasse, Strausberg (N 54/V 15), near the lake. The branch of service of the soldiers could not be determined. Truck  was parked in the yard of the barracks. \*\* 50X1-HUM
5. An advance detail of one or two officers and some soldiers wearing red-bordered black epauletts arrived in the former Landesjugendheim (the reform school building) on Brietzenstrasse, Strausberg, in mid-September 1950.  the soldiers wore tank insignia. The building had previously housed a school for Soviet women interpreters. \*\* 50X1-HUM
6. Several farmers said that large-scale maneuvers would start in the Ross lau (N 52/E 17) - Brambach - Ritzmeck - Dernburg - Steckby area on 1 October 1950. The farmers had to have their fields harvested by 1 October and were allegedly forbidden to enter the area after that date. \*\*\*

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\* Comment. The information indicates that the tank units of the 9th Mecz Div from Spremberg and Luebben were still in the Weisswasser training area in mid-September 1950. The artillery unit observed in Luebben is probably an organic component of the 91st Tank Regt. 50X1-HUM

\*\* Comment. the barracks installation on Klosterstrasse was vacant and the interpreter school had left, allegedly for Weisswasser and Potsdam. Truck belonged to an AF unit. 50X1-HUM

\*\*\* Comment. The maneuvers to start in the areas specified were presumably connected with the fall maneuvers scheduled in the Magdeburg-Dessau-Wittenberg area. 50X1-HUM

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